

**APPROVED MINUTES  
BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 15, 2008  
7:30 PM—Room 206**

Chairman Murry Stegelmann called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. All members of the Board of Finance were present. Kate Clarke Buch, Finance Director, was also present. Richard Huot, Board of Education Finance Director, and Robert Steeger, Director of Public Works, were also present. The meeting was taped and broadcast on Channel 79.

Peter Hovell made a motion to go directly to Item 6 on the Agenda—Board of Education Energy Proposal. The motion was seconded and approved 7-0.

Richard Huot reported on the energy conservation project for the schools. The project is projected to reduce KWH consumption in the schools by approximately 11 % ( 797,239 KWH) for a projected energy savings in Year One of \$151,000.

Following questions and discussion by the Board, Peter Hovell made a motion that the Board of Finance accept the proposal, paying cash for the project with a two percent discount, and that we recommend to the RTM to accept the plan. Tokeneke School's project amount (\$34,039 before 2% cash discount and before incentive rebate of \$10,212) is to come out of the Tokeneke School Building Fund, which is not yet closed.

Accordingly, the proposal was to recommend the approval to the RTM to fund 6 out of the 7 schools for a total of \$536, 749 for the project. (Two revenue accounts will be set up: one for the two percent discount of the \$375, 724, and one for the CL &P rebates expected to total \$161,025)

The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.

#### TRANSFERS

##### Item 3b –Sewer Operations Transfer

Bob Steeger reviewed the Town's discussions with Stamford regarding sewer capital projects and the allocation of spending. Peter Hovell made a motion to accept the request for transfer \$221,639 to the Stamford Water Pollution Control Facility account from the Collection System Rehab account. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.

Item 2a—Liz Mao made a motion to accept the request from the DPW to transfer \$2160 from Town Hall sewer use charges to the Repairs and Maintenance account. The motion was seconded and approved 7-0.

Tom Volpe made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a contract dispute between the Darien Sewer Authority and the Stamford Sewer Authority. The motion was seconded and approved 7-0. Bob Steeger, Kate Buch, and the Board of Finance participated in the session. The discussion lasted approximately twenty minutes.

Peter Hovell made a motion to go out of Executive session. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.

Item 2b—Gwen Mogenson made a motion to approve the transfer of \$2428 from various accounts in the Finance Department to the Professional Services account. This transfer is to cover increased credit card fees from online purchases of dump stickers. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.

Item 3—Peter Hovell made a motion to approve the transfer of \$7100 from the Telecommunications and Record-Equipment Repair accounts to the Training Services and Facility repair accounts of the Police Department. The motion for \$ 7100 is \$ 3000 less than requested because the police department is disputing \$ 3000 of the H.O.Penn invoice. The motion was seconded and approved 7-0.

Item 4a –Regulatory Counsel. A transfer of \$57,000 from Contingency to four Regulatory Counsel accounts is requested to cover the cost of legal work regarding land use matters. Liz Mao made a motion to approve the transfer. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Kate Buch discussed the financial accounts noting that final numbers will be available for the August 28, 2008 meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom Volpe moved the approval of the Minutes of June 10, 2008, with minor modifications. The motion was seconded and approved 7-0.

#### SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES

Liz Mao reported on the progress of the Police Department Building Committee. Chairman Murry Stegelmann asked that George Reilly attend the August 28, 2008 meeting of the Board of Finance to discuss progress and the contingency.

Peter Hovell reported on the progress of the Weed Beach Renovations and Beautification.

Lori Bora handed out a memo from the Hybrid Car Subcommittee (Lori Bora and Liz Mao) advising against the adoption of a property tax exemption for cars with fuel economy of 40 MPG or better. Peter Hovell made a motion to accept the report and to forward it to the Board of Selectmen with a cover memo from Murry Stegelmann. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.

Peter Hovell made a motion to move to new business. The motion was seconded and approved 7-0. The Board then discussed adopting a Resolution approving the Interlocal Agreement Approving Tax Relief for Emergency Service Workers, a tax credit for emergency service workers who volunteer in Darien and who live in Norwalk, or who volunteer in Norwalk and live in Darien. It was reported that \$79,000 in relief is afforded Darien workers by Darien, and approving the agreement would add 22 more people to the group entitled to such relief. Liz Mao made a motion that the Board of Finance adopt a Resolution approving the Interlocal Agreement. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.

There being no other business, Chairman Murry Stegelmann called for a motion to adjourn. Liz Mao made the motion. The motion was approved and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Smith Mao, Clerk